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SUBJECT: AIFLD

REF: A)SAN SALVADOR 4108 B)SAN SALVADOR 4245

1. AIFLD DEPUTY DIRECTOR HADDAD ASSURES DEPARTMENT THAT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN EMBASSY CONCURRENCE ON ANY CPD APPOINTMENT HAVE NOT BEEN DISREGARDED. OULAHAN HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO EXCEED THE SCOPE OF WORK OUTLINED IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL A. EXCEPT FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FESINCONTRANS SECRETARY ZALDIVAR AT THE LATTER'S INITIATIVE OULAHAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE ADHERED TO THOSE LIMITATIONS. HE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY NAMED CPD, ALTHOUGH DOHERTY APPARENTLY OFFERED TO NOMINATE HIM FOR THE POST THROUGH NORMAL PROCEDURES IF AND WHEN GOES GIVES PERMISSION FOR AIFLD'S RETURN.

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2. TDY OF RUPERT SKOFILD TO CONDUCT WORKSHOPS IN ADMINISTRATION AND ACCOUNTING FOR UCS MEMBERS UNDER AIFLD'S AGRICULTURAL UNION DEVELOPMENT SERVICE APPEARS TO FALL WITHIN SCOPE OF OULAHAN'S ASSISTANCE TO UCS. ACCORDING TO HADDAD, ORGANIZATION OF SEMINARS TO TRAIN BOOKKEEPERS FOR UCS COOPERATIVES, IN COOPERATION WITH

GOES ADVISORS, WAS DISCUSSED IN JULY 18 MEETING WITH GOES CABINET LEVEL COMMISSION AND DID NOT MEET WITH ANY OPPOSITION. NEITHER ISRAELI TECHNICIAN NOR MICHAEL HAMMER EXPECTS TO VISIT EL SALVADOR IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. OULAHAN HAS NOT OPENED NEW BANK ACCOUNT, BUT AIFLD PLANS TO MAKE HIM ONE OF SIGNATORIES AUTHORIZED TO DRAW FUNDS FROM AN AIFLD ACCOUNT IN BANCO HIPOTECARIO WHICH HAS EXISTED SINCE BEGINNING OF AIFLD PROGRAMS IN EL SALVADOR. ACCOUNT BALANCE NOW SLIGHTLY IN EXCESS OF 12,000 DOLS OF WHICH 10,000 DOLS REPRESENTS LOAN PAYMENT BY UCS LAST YEAR TO AID/AIFLD REGIONAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND. IF ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING SEMINARS FOR UCS COOPERATIVES ARE ORGANIZED OULAHAN WOULD DRAW FUNDS FROM THIS ACCOUNT TO COVER LOCAL COSTS.

4. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS OULAHAN IS SEEING UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR AUGUST 16 TO DISCUSS HIS ACTIVITIES AND CLARIFY ANY DOUBTS WHICH MAY EXIST. IN ADDITION HADDAD WILL REVISIT EL SALVADOR AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

5. IF FACTS ARE AS OUTLINED BY AIFLD, DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT OULAHAN'S EXPULSION CAN BE AVOIDED. VANCE

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